

MAYOR ATTEMPTS TO CALM FEELINGS OF DEPARTMENTS

Calls Conference of Warring Officials to Discuss Health

LIME PLANT NOW SET UP AT BASINS

Administrative Board Makes At- tack on Health Board's Past Procedure and Tries to Fix Blame for Recent Water Situation on Sani- tary Officers

Mayor for Peace

Now, let us quit all this cross-firing. The interest at stake is the public health, and that is far greater and more important than the interest of any individual or any department. Whatever has been done, has been done. We cannot change that. Although the occurrence is regrettable, yet we have learned some things, and we should take prompt advantage of them to prevent a recurrence in the future.

what we have just passed through. We probably know how we can throw further safeguards around our water purification system, and thereby prevent even a temporary contamination of the supply, such as we had in May. We can have the assurance of all the health experts, State and city, that our water is now pure and wholesome. I shall endeavor to harmonize all individual and departmental interests with the system into renewed teamwork in behalf of the safety of the people of Richmond.

and to secure a renewal of mutual cooperation in the city's affairs, Mayor Ainslie yesterday made overtures to Chairman Robert Whitte and the president of the Health Board for a conference next week of the two boards himself, the City Engineer the

boards, himself, the City Engineer, the State health authorities, the city health officer of the city and the superintendent of the Water Works are the subject of possible improvement in the interest of harmony. From the attitude of Chairman Whittle toward the proposal, it seems probable that the Mayor's attempt to cast oil on the troubled municipal waters will be successful in so far as the calling of the conference is concerned.

Chairman Whittle is to present the Mayor's overture to the Administration Board at this morning's session.

Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer has been asked to communicate the Mayor's proposition to the members of the Health Board at once, and although the Health Board was roundly scored by the Administrative Board yesterday, it is taken for granted that this body will consent to the conference.

Plant Now Installed.

The hypochlorite plant for the extermination of bacillus coli in the water of the settling basins, ordered installed at Tuesday's meeting of the Administrative Board at Dr. Levy's recommendation, was erected yesterday morning in the well near the pump-house, from which the water is drawn after leaving the coagulating basins, by Acting Superintendent of

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Even those who have opposed the erection of the hypochlorite plant and steadfastly refused to believe the reports of the contamination of the settling basins, admit that the installation of the purifying plant will re-

water is already pure, the treatment with the hypochlorite of lime will make

taste; if the deadly typhoid germ is still lurking in the water, it will be killed like a flash by the germicidal hypochlorite. It is universally admitted that the city's water is now safe for all uses.

A feeling of bitter resentment toward Chief Health Officer Levy and the members of the City Board of Health characterized yesterday morning's session of the Administrative Board. All five commissioners paid their respects to the city health officers in some shape or other, evincing a well defined determination to fix the responsibility for the water row on the

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establishment of the health officers. Mr.
Davis recalled that the suggestion for
the plant had originated with the
intermittent Davis and not in the
of the Chief Health Officer, but this
statement was quickly questioned in
the Health Department. "Dr. Levy did
not request the installation of inter-
hypochlorite plant until Superintendent
him" said Mr. Folckner. "Superinten-
Davis was talked with Levy on June
15, suggesting the hypochlorite plant,
and on June 17 Dr. Levy wrote to Mr.
Davis requesting the installation of

MEYER. McCarthy and Hirschberg heaped further condemnation on The Times-Dispatch for daring to criticize the failure of the board to accede to Dr. Levy's suggestion, but yesterday Mr. Beck asked that the following be printed on his account. Mr. Beck said that the article printed in The Times-Dispatch yesterday morning was not